

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 have been canceled. New claims 17-36 have been added. Thus, claims 17-36 are presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

The amendments are not made for purposes of patentability.

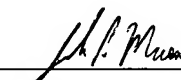
A substitute specification incorporating the changes in this preliminary amendment is provided with this application. No new matter has been added by way of the substitute specification.

Conclusion

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 6/30/04

By: 
John P. Musone
Registration No. 44,961
(407) 736-6449

Siemens Corporation
Intellectual Property Department
170 Wood Avenue South
Iselin, New Jersey 08830